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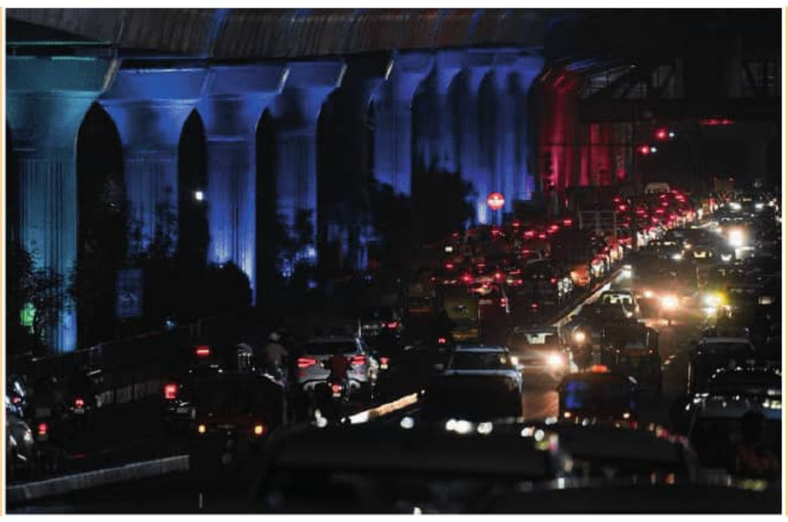

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FETCHING WATER

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Hike in LPG cylinder price, water and electricity tariffs have put paying guest accommodation owners in a spot — they want to rise monthly fee by 10-15 percent, but cannot keep running at below 80% occupancy rates too

COSTS ARE GOING THROUGH THE PG ROOF

Paying guests pay minimum amount of Rs 5,500 per month on an average in city

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RIPPLES OF WAR

The steep hike in LPG price is set to create a cascading effect on lakhs of paying guests in Bengaluru. With the recent hike in the LPG price and the increase in water and electricity tariffs, the owners of paying guest (PG) accommodations are finding it tough to stay afloat. Now PG owners are thinking of convening a meeting to chalk out a plan, including increasing the monthly fees for the paying guests by 10 to 15 percent.

There are more than 15,000 PG accommodations in the city and over 10 lakh people, including students and IT professionals, are staying at these accommodations. On an average, a paying guest has to pay a minimum amount of Rs 5,500 per month. The amount varies from one PG accommodation to the other based on the amenities and the space.

"There are some PG accommodations with a capacity to accommodate 1,000 paying guests. I maintain accommodations at Vijayanagar. The recent hike in the LPG has affected most of the PG owners. We also faced problems due to short supply of LPG due to the US-Iran war. We thank the government for making arrangements to restore LPG supply. However, we did not anticipate the government to hike the LPG price by more than Rs 1,000," said PG Owners' Welfare Association president Arun Kumar DT.

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Cop or criminal

Nearly 1 cop suspended daily in state over misconduct; 713 officers face action in 2 years of which 95 linked to criminal cases

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On average, nearly one police official in the state is suspended every day. Over the past two years, 713 personnel have faced action for offences ranging from dereliction of duty and corruption to direct involvement in criminal activities, pointing to a serious pattern of misconduct within the force.

The scale and nature of these offences, ranging from robbery and theft to murder and fraud, have significantly dented public trust in the police force, which is expected to uphold the law rather than violate it.

According to official data, between January 2024 and January 2026, a total of 95 police personnel were suspended in connection with criminal cases, while 62 were implicated in corruption charges.

An additional 556 personnel faced suspension for various forms of misconduct and criminal behaviour. What is even more alarming is that more than 400 officers and staff members have already been punished in accordance with the severity of their crimes, indicating that these are not isolated incidents but part of a larger pattern of systemic failure.

A senior police official, speaking on the condition of anonymity, confirmed the gravity of the situation and said that strict

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THINGS TO DO

01 Exploring emotions

Atta Galatta is presenting Rise in Love, an intimate book preview evening by Archana and Asad, born from personal unraveling, shifting relationships and familiar patterns that often go unspoken.
Where: Atta Galatta, Indiranagar;
When: May 9, 4 pm

02 Just kidding

Rahul Dua, renowned stand-up comedian, a powerhouse performer, host (Shark Tank India Season 2 & 3, Comicstaan S3 Finale), actor, creator and writer will be performing live, marking his second stand-up special.
Where: MLR Convention Centre, Whitefield;
When: May 10, 7 pm

03 Chill mode on

SOCIAL is set to host She-nanigans, its women-only nights, across select outlets, bringing together music, drinks and its signature high-energy vibe in a no-filter setting.
Where: Indiranagar SOCIAL;
When: May 6, 7 pm

04 Mother's day surprise

Suzy Q will mark Mother's Day with a curated afternoon for groups of mums and a small handwritten keepsake at every family table.
Where: Suzy Q, Queen's Road;
When: May 10, 12.30 pm

05 Centre stage

Created by acclaimed director and composer Kevin Oliver and presented in support of the Kempegowda International Airport Foundation (KIAF), Odyssey of Love is a contemporary pop opera blending music, fashion and storytelling into a visually rich and immersive spectacle.
Where: Good Shepherd Auditorium, Shanthala Nagar;
When: May 7

Crimson hues

Bengaluru's skyline took on a vivid reddish hue, breaking through earlier gloom as clouds scattered slowly, painting an almost surreal evening atmosphere across the horizon on Monday

PIC: KAUSHIK JN

State told to oversee use of NCAP funds closely

NGT directs K'taka govt to ensure full and timely utilisation of funds, with monthly reviews to track air quality improvements

The National Green Tribunal (NGT), in a recent order, has instructed the Karnataka government to closely monitor the utilisation of funds under the National Clean Air Programme (NCAP) in Bengaluru to improve the city's air quality.

The Tribunal passed this order while hearing matters regarding the implementation of NCAP across the southern states, namely Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, and the Union Territory of Puducherry.

"The State of Karnataka and its Urban Local Bodies, particularly Bengaluru, shall ensure full and effective utilisation of funds allocated under NCAP and the Finance Commission within a time-bound manner. Karnataka shall conduct monthly review meetings under the supervision of the Chief Secretary to monitor financial utilisation, and corresponding air quality improvement," the southern bench of NGT noted in the order. The green court was hearing a suo motu case taken up by the principal bench based on a news item in 2024.

As per the data available on the PRANA portal, a total sum of Rs 597.54 crore was released to Karnataka under the NCAP and 15th Finance Commission during 2019–20 to 2023–24. Out of this, a major share of Rs 541.1 crore was released to Bengaluru, while other cities, Davanagere, Hubballi-Dharwad, and Kalaburagi, had received Rs 13.79 crore, Rs 19.15 crore, and Rs 23.48 crore respectively during the given period of time. The utilisation of funds by October 2024, as per a report by the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB), was about Rs 221.98 crore (37 per cent).

Concerns have been raised over decline in air quality across major southern states

However, recent data shows that Bengaluru has shown considerable progress in utilising the available funds. So far, Rs 427.43 crore out of the total Rs 541.1 crore released has reportedly been utilised by the city.

NGT has directed the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC) and the CPCB to establish appropriate institutional arrangements to ensure effective regional-level coordination and cooperative action among the southern states.

The concerned authorities are expected to file a compliance report within a period of six months from now. **–BMB**

Protective measures urged for sanitation workers

The BBMP Pourakarmikara Sangha has urged the city administration to take immediate steps to safeguard sanitation workers from the intense heat conditions prevailing in Bengaluru.

In a letter addressed to the Chief Commissioner of the city's municipal corporation, the Sangha highlighted the harsh realities faced by pourakarmikas, many of whom are Dalit and women workers. According to the union, sanitation staff are being required to work long hours, from 6.30 am to 2.30 pm, often without a weekly day off and with no provision for national or festival holidays. The union warned that prolonged exposure to extreme heat without adequate safeguards is placing workers at serious risk of heat-related illnesses.

The representation also pointed to the lack of basic facilities for outdoor workers, including the absence of rest shelters and access to drinking water during duty hours. It stressed that such conditions not only compromise the health and safety of workers but also reflect broader systemic neglect.

Among its key demands, the Sangha has called for the introduction of half-day work schedules without any wage cuts during peak summer months. It has also sought the daily provision of drinking water, oral rehydration solutions (ORS), and buttermilk, along with protective items such as caps, umbrellas, eyeshades, and other essential gear. Additionally, the union has urged authorities to organise health check-up camps for sanitation workers.

The Sangha said it plans to submit similar representations to chief commissioners across all municipal corporations under the Greater Bengaluru Authority, in an effort to ensure protection for sanitation workers. **–BMB**

BMTC signs rolled back due to design errors

In an unusual reversal, the Bangalore Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTC) has removed newly installed route signboards at the Kempegowda Bus Station in Majestic after spelling mistakes and confusing information left commuters struggling. The older boards, which displayed platform and route numbers in bold and clear lettering, have now been reinstated.

Sources said that the redesigned boards, introduced as part of a pilot, featured route maps on one side and route details on the other. However, the execution fell short. Key route numbers were missing, lettering lacked visibility from a distance, and several errors crept in. Even place names appeared with inconsistent spellings. Commuters approaching from the railway station side found the boards especially confusing due to smaller fonts and poor readability. Following public criticism, BMTC officials withdrew the new boards and restored the older ones, admitting that the pilot did not meet commuter needs. **–BMB**

Tobacco habit grips 22.8% adults in K'taka

About 22.8 per cent of adults in Karnataka consume tobacco in some form, significantly increasing their risk of contracting tuberculosis, the Health Department has said. Officials noted that tobacco users are nearly twice as likely to develop TB, raising concerns over the growing burden of the disease. The issue was discussed at a divisional-level workshop in Bengaluru organised by the National Tobacco Control Cell, where experts deliberated on strategies to curb both tobacco use and TB. The workshop also focused on integrating the National Tuberculosis Elimination Programme with the National Tobacco Control Programme. According to the department, nearly 94 lakh adults in the state use tobacco products, contributing to rising TB cases. A senior official said that under the tobacco control programme, 8.5 lakh people were screened in 2025–26, and 3.8 lakh were counselled to quit tobacco use. **–BMB**

No mango delivery by post this year

The popular doorstep mango delivery service, where postmen once brought fresh mangoes directly to homes, has been suspended this year due to a funds crunch. The initiative, launched by the Karnataka State Mango Development and Marketing Corporation (KSMDMC) in collaboration with the postal department during the Covid period, had helped hundreds of farmers connect directly with consumers each mango season.

Under the scheme, farmers listed their mango varieties, prices and contact details on a website, allowing customers to place orders online by selecting the fruit of their choice. Farmers say the platform ensured good prices and steady sales, with some selling up to 600 boxes annually. However, officials cited the inability to pay around Rs 5 lakh towards software and operational costs as the reason for halting the project. Instead, the corporation now plans to expand physical mango sales outlets. **–BMB**

Drunk driving, speeding drive: 752 cases

The traffic police carried out a week-long special drive across the city targeting drunk driving and speeding, during which a total of 752 cases were registered and fines amounting to 3.52 lakh were collected.

The drive was carried out by personnel from 53 traffic police stations, covering key junctions and major roads. During the operation, a total of 46,103 vehicles were checked for violations.

Under the drunk driving campaign, police registered 633 cases against motorists found driving under the influence of alcohol. In addition, 119 cases of over speeding were recorded during the same period. Traffic police officials also collected fines amounting to Rs 2.33 lakh from drunk driving violations and Rs 1.19 lakh from speeding offences.

Officials said the initiative was aimed at curbing reckless behaviour on roads and preventing accidents. The traffic police added that such special drives will continue in the coming weeks to ensure stricter enforcement and enhance safety across Bengaluru. **BMB**

Prostitution racket busted; women rescued

The City Crime Branch (CCB) Women Protection Unit busted a prostitution racket operating from multiple rented houses across the city, arresting four individuals, including two women, and rescuing four victims.

Based on tips from informants received on different dates, officials identified locations where illegal activities were taking place. The racket operated from rented houses in Padmanabhanagar and RK Layout under Subramanyapura police limits, Sundarnagar in Gokula area under Jalahalli police limits, and NGF Layout under Jnanabharathi police limits.

Acting on intelligence, police conducted raids at these locations on separate occasions and rescued four women from the premises. Investigators said the accused allegedly forced women into prostitution and ran the network for financial gain.

During interrogation, the accused reportedly confessed that they contacted customers over the phone and arranged meetings at rented houses where illegal activities were carried out.

Cases have been registered at Subramanyapura, Jalahalli, and Jnanabharathi police stations, and further investigation is underway. **BMB**

4 arrested in delivery executive murder

Yelahanka police have arrested four accused who were on the run after allegedly murdering a 20-year-old Swiggy delivery executive and dumping his body in a Rajakaluve. The accused have been identified as Irayya Dundayya Marapati (44), Chinnaya Marapati (29), Chhaj (26), and Vinayak Gurava (19), all natives of Bagalkot district. The deceased, Ramesh, was also from Bagalkot and had come to Bengaluru around 15–20 days ago seeking work with food delivery platforms like Swiggy or Zomato.

Police said he was previously booked in a rape attempt case three years ago and had allegedly continued harassing the same woman, with another case registered in 2024 for issuing threats. He had also been harassing Irayya's daughter.

Police said Irayya, along with relatives, lured Ramesh on the pretext of dinner, took him in a car, consumed alcohol, and later strangled him near Allalasandra Bridge before dumping the body into a canal. **BMB**

Man killed while trying to break up bar fight

A 45-year-old man was allegedly stabbed to death with a broken bottle after intervening in a fight at a bar in Chamundi Nagar, Bengaluru, on Sunday evening under RT Nagar Police Station limits.

The deceased, Putta Swamy, a resident of Chamundi Nagar, worked at his brother's bar and restaurant. On the night of the incident, he visited another bar in the locality with friends.

Police said a quarrel broke out between two groups inside the bar, with bottles used during the fight. While the bar manager and staff tried to control the situation, Puttaswamy stepped in to intervene.

During the altercation, one of the accused allegedly stabbed him in the chest and leg with a broken bottle. Despite serious injuries, he left without seeking immediate treatment, later collapsing on his way home and dying.

RT Nagar police registered a case and are investigating further. **BMB**

Wall collapse: Lokayukta seeks report by May 16

Probe is ongoing into the Bowring and Lady Curzon Hospital wall collapse that claimed seven lives on April 30. The Lokayukta has ordered the investigation panel to submit a detailed report by May 16.

The Lokayukta had taken suo motu cognisance and initiated an inquiry into possible negligence. A case has been registered against the Chief Secretary to the Government of Karnataka and other officials concerned. A high-level probe team has been constituted, led by an officer of Superintendent of Police rank, and includes a District Judge and technical officials.

The team began work on May 4, visited the site, collected evidence, and issued notices. Officials have been instructed to submit the required documents, following which a detailed report will be prepared. The Lokayukta has directed the team to submit its report by May 16, to enable further action. The case is scheduled for hearing on May 20, at 12.30 pm. **BMB**

Kengeri road rage: BMTC conductor injured

A 38-year-old man was arrested after allegedly assaulting a female conductor attached to the RR Nagar BMTC Unit-21 following a road rage incident in the Kengeri police station limits on Sunday evening.

According to police, the incident occurred around 5:30 pm when a BMTC bus, after picking up passengers from Bapujinagar Satellite Bus Stand, was heading towards Mysuru and got stuck in a traffic jam near a petrol pump signal in Kengeri.

Amid the congestion, a two-wheeler rider boarded the bus and began arguing with the driver. When the conductor, identified as Mangala, intervened and asked him to get down, the rider allegedly attacked her after alighting, striking her on the head.

She sustained injuries and later filed a complaint. Police arrested the accused, Kumar, using CCTV footage; he was later released on bail. **BMB**

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Man told to pay Rs 15,000 as maintenance to estranged wife

HIGH COURT

In a significant ruling on spousal maintenance, the Karnataka High Court has directed a BHEL employee to pay Rs 15,000 per month to his wife as maintenance, effective from the date of her application in March 2016 and continuing for her lifetime. The court also ordered the husband to clear arrears within two months.

The couple, residents of Bengaluru, were married in March 1985 and have three children—two daughters, both now married, and a son who works as an auto driver. Following years of marital discord and repeated attempts at reconciliation through elders, the wife began living separately in 2016.

In her plea, the woman stated that despite her husband earning around Rs 74,000 per month as an operator, he failed to provide financial support. She alleged that she had to rely on her mother's assistance to conduct their daughters' marriages and described her husband as a habitual drinker with a volatile temperament. The husband, however, denied these claims, accusing his wife of abusive behaviour and stating that he was forced to leave the matrimonial home.

Earlier, on January 30, 2018, a family court had dismissed the wife's petition under Section 125 of the Criminal Procedure Code, noting that she had not substantiated her allegations and had delayed taking legal action for over a decade.

Challenging this order, the wife approached the High Court. Justice K Manmadha Rao, after examining the case, relied on key rulings of the Supreme Court of India to overturn the family court's decision.

Relief for woman after family court's dismissal of her petition under Section 125 of the Criminal Procedure Code, noting that she had not substantiated her allegations and had delayed taking legal action for over a decade is set aside

In Rajathi v C Ganesan, the apex court had held that a wife's assertion that she is unable to maintain herself is sufficient to shift the burden onto the husband to prove otherwise. The court also clarified that proceedings under Section 125 CrPC require only a prima facie assessment and not a detailed examination of matrimonial disputes.

Further, in Bhuwan Mohan Singh v Meena and Others, the Supreme Court ruled that delay in seeking maintenance does not amount to waiver of a statutory right. Taking into account the cost of living and medical needs, Justice Rao held that Rs 15,000 per month would be a fair and reasonable amount, setting aside the earlier family court order and allowing the wife's petition. **BMB**

Broken, unsafe footpaths force pedestrians onto busy HAL road

Delay in desilting work leaves drains uncovered, turning footpaths unsafe and pushing pedestrians to walk on road, increasing fatal accident risk

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There is nothing to celebrate about the condition of the footpath on HAL Airport Road, where pedestrians continue to face severe inconvenience. Uneven surfaces and delays in completing the desilting of the drain, which doubles as a footpath, have worsened the situation. For years, pedestrians have struggled due to broken or missing footpaths along this stretch. Now, with the drain left uncovered by stone slabs, many are forced to walk on the busy road, exposing themselves to safety risks.

"Unbarricaded, broken footpaths are not an inconvenience; they are very risky. This is exactly why we need mandatory project disclosure boards at every work site, outlining scope, duration, responsible officials, and safety measures. Alongside that, temporary pedestrian safety infrastructure must be compulsory. Leaving open slabs without barricades is a basic failure of duty," said Poornima Shetty, President of United RWA of Konena Agrahara and Founder Director of IronFeather Foundation (Safety for Women).

Vinod Jacob, an urban strategist, expressed concern over the delay, noting that the desilting work began more than a month ago. "The delay in completing the desilting work has been causing inconvenience for pedestrians who are compelled to walk on the road, making them vulnerable to accidents. I want authorities to complete the work and strengthen the footpaths," he said.

Contractor delays continue to inconvenience pedestrians on busy stretch

> **The contractor is carrying out the work without considering inconvenience for pedestrians. Authorities must ensure that the work is completed without delay. Walking on this busy road is not safe**
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> –Senior citizen

A senior citizen, requesting anonymity, said the contractor is carrying out the work without considering pedestrian safety. "Authorities must ensure the work is completed without delay. Walking on this busy road is not safe," he said.

Paramesh Y, a pedestrian, warned that further delay could increase congestion. He pointed out plans to construct an underpass near Wind Tunnel Road Junction and said, "I hope the desilting work is completed before underpass construction begins to avoid traffic jams."

However, a BCCC Assistant Executive Engineer (CV Raman Nagar) said he would advise the contractor to speed up work. "There was a shortage of manpower due to elections in West Bengal. I will tell the contractor to complete the work without delay," he said.

Hailstorm havoc disrupts birdlife across Bengaluru

More than 350 birds rescued across Bengaluru after sudden storm, as heavy winds and fallen trees disrupt nests and displace wildlife

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The number of distressed birds rescued in Bengaluru continues to rise days after a sudden and severe hailstorm struck the city on April 29.

According to city-based private animal rescue centres, more than 350 birds, grounded by heavy winds and fallen trees, have been rescued between April 29 and May 3.

Avian and Reptile Rehabilitation Centre (ARRC), a wildlife rescue and rehabilitation centre, said it carried out 265 rescues from Wednesday to Sunday. Similarly, PFA Wildlife Hospital rescued 95 drenched and displaced birds during the same period.

ARRC noted that on the night of the hailstorm, there was a sharp spike in grounded black kites. The storm struck without warning, leaving many birds drenched. As it occurred at night, the situation worsened, since most birds cannot navigate in the dark. Over the following days, another pattern emerged. As people cleared down fallen trees, rescue teams began receiving reports of orphaned birds, particularly cavity nesters like barbets that had been nesting inside tree trunks.

"Once on the ground, they were especially vulnerable to predation by free-ranging cats and dogs. With fewer people around that hour, many went unnoticed. In one case, a bulbul fledgling was brought in after its parent was found dead under a collapsed tree. While the immediate impact of a storm is visible, its effects on wildlife often continue to unfold in the days that follow," said Swathi Ramachandran, outreach coordinator, ARRC.

Displaced nestlings face higher risk from predators on ground

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RAINS LEAVE WILDLIFE STRUGGLING

BM has reported about hundreds of birds being injured and displaced due to heavy rains and hailstorm, on April 29, 2026

At PFA Wildlife Hospital, 95 displaced birds were rescued between April 29 and May 3.

On the evening of the storm, heavy rain, thunderstorms, and hail displaced many nests. PFA rescued 21 birds from evening until midnight, including black kites, cattle egrets, pond herons, crows, rose-ringed parakeets, red-whiskered bulbuls, and white-cheeked barbets.

"The impact of the storm continued with more fallen nestlings requiring rescue. Due to torrential rain and hail, many trees, especially older ones, were uprooted, and branches used for roosting fell. As a result, several birds were displaced, and some were injured. Most calls came from areas in and around Vijayanagar, Banashankari, JP Nagar, Jayanagar, and BTM Layout," said Dr (Colonel) Nawaz Shariff, chief veterinarian at PFA Wildlife Hospital.

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> –Dr (Colonel) Nawaz Shariff, Chief Veterinarian, PFA Wildlife Hospital

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Debris danger
Kaggalipura

Uncleared tree debris near Kaggalipura Police Station is posing a serious risk to motorists, especially two-wheeler riders.

Waste of rain
Ambedkar Veedhi

Absence of rainwater harvesting facilities at MS Building on Ambedkar Veedhi raises concerns over poor water management.

Lane misuse
Old Madras Road

Illegal multi-lane parking and wrong-side driving outside Skyline RK Atlantis on Old Madras Road are causing traffic hazards and blocking residents' access.

Water woes loom, 60 tankers rolled out

Summer fears loom as civic body boosts fleet, planning rapid distribution networks while conserving reserves to tackle rising urban demand pressures

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Anticipating water stress during the summer months, the Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) has purchased 60 new water tankers to strengthen its 'Mobile Cauvery' initiative and ensure quicker supply to water-scarce areas across the city. Officials said the move is part of a larger preparedness plan to manage the rising demand for water during the summer, particularly in areas that still lack Cauvery pipeline connections. With the addition of these tankers, the board aims to improve water delivery to neighbourhoods facing shortages and ensure faster filling of storage tanks in residential layouts. A senior BWSSB official said the decision was taken after assessing the increasing demand for tanker water across the city.

"We have purchased 60 new tankers to strengthen the 'Mobile Cauvery' programme. This will help us supply water quickly to areas that depend on tanker services and also support the filling of Sintex tanks in water-scarce localities," the official said.

Supply capacity

At present, the city has a population of nearly 1.5 crore people and more than 11 lakh water connections. With the Cauvery Stage V project, BWSSB has the capacity to supply about 2,225 million litres per day (MLD) of water. However, since the Stage V project is yet to be fully completed and many residents in the 110 newly added villages are yet to obtain connections, nearly 45 per cent of the 775 MLD of water allocated under the project remains unused. Officials say careful management across the earlier Cauvery stages has also helped conserve some water, which can now be utilised more effectively during the summer.

Currently, the board supplies around 1,871 MLD daily and is able to save nearly 354 MLD through careful distribution. This surplus will be strategically used to manage summer demand.

Earlier, BWSSB had around 64 tankers in its fleet, many of which had become old and unfit for operation. With some vehicles being phased out after safety checks, the number had dropped to about 50. For the past few years, the board has largely depended on private tankers during the summer and for the 'Mobile Cauvery' programme launched last year.

BWSSB adds 60 tankers, boosting supply, easing shortages, improving delivery, conserving reserves for summer demand

"With the addition of 60 new tankers, the number of BWSSB-owned tankers will increase to 110. These vehicles will soon be branded under the 'Mobile Cauvery' programme," the official said. The new fleet has been procured at a cost of around Rs 15.33 crore. At present, around 99 tankers, including BWSSB-owned and private vehicles, are operating under the programme.

Apart from Cauvery water, the board also supplies groundwater through borewells. BWSSB currently has 10,663 of its own borewells and an additional 4,902 from the groundwater authority, taking the total to 15,565. Of these, about 14,707 borewells are functional and together they have the capacity to supply between 400 and 600 MLD of water. However, officials say groundwater is being used cautiously to protect reserves.

"At present, there is no shortage of Cauvery water, so we are limiting groundwater extraction. However, if there is a severe shortage during the summer, borewell supply will be used as a backup," a BWSSB source said.

The board is also considering drilling 256 new borewells after closely studying rainfall patterns, groundwater levels and summer demand in the coming months.

Revenue stream

The 'Mobile Cauvery' initiative has also generated revenue for the board. Over the last nine months, nearly 40,420 tanker trips have been made under the programme, generating about Rs 4.18 crore. Officials say the expanded tanker fleet will help the board respond faster to complaints from water-scarce areas and manage summer demand more effectively across Bengaluru.

Double-decker dream turns congested

The newly opened double decker road between Ragigudda and Central Silk Board, though operational, continues to face unresolved issues. Deputy Chief Minister D K Shivakumar recently flagged off the project for full use after a trial run. While the initiative aims to ease congestion, it has delivered mixed results, offering both relief and congestion to commuters.

The elevated stretch has helped reduce traffic bottlenecks at key junctions such as Kuvempunagar, Udupi Garden, Jayadeva and East End. However, congestion has now shifted to entry and exit points. A major concern is the narrowing of the road where the flyover ends and merges with the existing road towards Ragigudda, causing heavy pile-ups. Sources said that vehicles often queue up to traffic signals, leading to stoppages on the flyover itself during red lights. Commuters say this undermines the purpose of a modern infrastructure project. While some acknowledge an overall improvement, many point out that traffic issues resurface after a few kilometres on the elevated stretch. **BMB**

SC asks report on Darshan prison conditions

The Supreme Court on Monday sought a report from the Karnataka government on a plea filed by actor Darshan, who was arrested in the Renukaswamy murder case, alleging that he was being denied basic amenities such as food in prison.

A bench of Justices JB Pardiwala and R Mahadevan issued notice to the state government on the actor's plea. Senior advocate Mukul Rohatgi, appearing for Darshan, submitted that the actor was being denied basic amenities because the court had earlier observed that no "five-star" treatment should be given to him in jail. "This is the case in which my Lords cancelled my bail. The court had said I should not receive five-star treatment in jail; due to that, I am being denied even basic amenities," he said.

The Supreme Court had cancelled Darshan's bail on August 14 last year. Counsel Mukul Rohatgi said the actor was kept in a quarantine cell without light or food. The court sought a report on trial progress, including witnesses examined, timeline, and whether basic amenities are being provided, directing submission within a week. Darshan, actress Pavithra Gowda and others are accused of abducting and torturing Renukaswamy, whose body was later found in a Bengaluru drain. **PTI**

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GBA brings more hands on deck, ramps up treefall response efforts

With 84 teams, 528 personnel and cranes, GBA strengthens preparedness to tackle fallen trees, aiming to prevent delays and chaos

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Canopy and response teams strenghthened for monsoon preparedness across all city corporatiojn zones

After last year's prolonged delays in clearing debris, authorities are scaling up manpower and equipment, while experts stress the need for consistent tree monitoring to reduce risks before storms strike

The Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA) has decided to take special precautions for the safety and security of commuters on the city's roads during the upcoming monsoon.

To strengthen preparedness, the GBA's forest department has decided to more than double the number of on-ground teams that will manage fallen trees and branches after heavy rains. At present, 34 canopy management, rapid response, night, and crane teams, comprising 240 personnel, manage such incidents across the city. The authority has now increased this number to 84 teams, with a total of 528 personnel and 18 cranes to clear debris.

The expanded deployment will include 30 regular canopy management teams, 25 rapid response teams, 11 regular night teams, and 18 crane teams. Each of the canopy management, rapid response, and night teams will have eight members. Officials will distribute these teams across five city corporations, with 23 teams in West City Corporation limits, 22 in Central, 19 in South, 14 in North, and six in East.

Currently, the corporation operates with 27 regular canopy management teams, one rapid response team, two-night teams, and four crane teams. Officials said the increased manpower will significantly reduce response time during emergencies.

"Clearing fallen branches and trees from the city's roads last year turned out to be a nightmare. Due to fewer rapid response teams, it took us nearly a month to clear the debris. Moreover, more personnel for canopy management will also ensure we enter the monsoon season better prepared. While canopy management teams will continue to work throughout the year, the rapid response teams are being brought in for a period of six months," said Sudarshan GK, Deputy Conservator of Forests (DCF), Greater Bengaluru Authority.

According to the GBA, all five city corporations have floated tenders, and officials are currently reviewing technical bids. Authorities expect to issue work orders to all 84 teams within a week.

During a recent hailstorm, the GBA deployed 21 private teams with four members each and engaged 14 cranes to clear fallen trees and branches, highlighting the scale of the challenge.

"Poor maintenance, concrete encroachments, cables, and billboards have choked tree growth, weakened roots, and left them vulnerable to monsoon falls. While we welcome GBA's decision to bring more hands-on deck, it should not be for reactive firefighting, but for proactive, year-round monitoring of tree health and canopies," said Vinod Jacob, a city-based environmentalist and urban strategist.

B'luru chess prodigy becomes International Master

Fourteen-year-old Indian prodigy Apaar Saxena has earned the prestigious International Master (IM) title after a remarkable run of performances across Europe, achieving all three required norms in just five weeks.

Born in 2012, the Bengaluru talent made his mark on the international circuit with a dominant showing at the IM Renome 2 tournament in Bosnia on March 30, where he scored 7/9 to clinch the title and secure his maiden IM norm. He followed it up with another strong outing at the San Vicente Open in Spain on April 6, again scoring 7/9 in a highly competitive field featuring over 500 players from 54 countries. Saxena sealed his second norm with two rounds to spare, underlining his consistency and composure.

His impressive run continued at the Menorca Open later in April, where he posted a performance rating of 2404 and gained significant rating points, narrowly missing a third consecutive norm despite remaining in contention. The breakthrough came at the IM Putnik 114 tournament in Serbia on May 3, where Saxena delivered yet another 7/9 performance to secure his final norm and officially attain the IM title.

During the event, he also crossed a live rating of 2450, marking a rapid rise from 2185 to an official rating of 2362 as of May 1. "His development has been strongly supported by his school Silicon City Academy of Secondary Education, Bangalore, with encouragement from Principal Sumalini Mam and School Coordinator Shenoy Mam. Apaar did not have any personal coach in the last two years. Prior to that, his coach was Jayaram Ramana. He was taking some course assistance from different academies like Killer Chess Training and Yuri Vovk courses," Apaar's father, Prashant, told ChessBase India.

His father has overseen his training and tournament planning, while his mother, Ruchi Saxena, has remained a constant support.

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Historic Srirangapatna riverfront revamp to boost tourism appeal

₹100-crore project to restore moat, canals, gardens, and temple ghat, blending heritage revival with modern tourist amenities

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Officials highlight temple bathing ghat development, blending heritage revival with amenities for devotees and visitors in the historic town

Tourists and locals can expect boating, gardens, and improved temple facilities as Srirangapatna's historic fort area undergoes a heritage-focused makeover, promising cultural revival and enhanced visitor experiences

Srirangapatna, historically known as a seat of power during the reign of Hyder Ali and Tipu Sultan, is situated on one of the islands in the Cauvery River. Presently, plans are underway to develop the area along the Cauvery River, drawing inspiration from the Sabarmati riverfront development. Sources said Srirangapatna, which already boasts several tourist destinations, will soon add another attraction through the beautification of its riverfront.

An official said, "The Archaeological Department has launched a project to develop the riverfront inspired by the Sabarmati Riverfront Development Programme in Ahmedabad, Gujarat. This initiative aims to revitalise the historic fort and moat area in Srirangapatna, Mysuru. The plan includes restoring the moat from the Elephant Gate to the Wellington Bridge, reviving the ancient canal system, and establishing a boating point. Additionally, a beautiful garden will be created on the 10-acre land behind the Elephant Gate. This project will enhance the aesthetic and historical value of the area, attracting both tourists and locals. This project seeks to rejuvenate the historic fort and moat area by establishing a boating point and creating a picturesque garden. The project, estimated to cost Rs 100 crore, will be executed in collaboration with the Tourism Department. Its goal is to attract tourists and pilgrims to Srirangapatna, highlighting its historical significance."

Local residents and experts have welcomed the project and see it as an opportunity to revitalise the region's rich cultural heritage. Srirangapatna MLA AB Ramesh Bandisiddegowda said developing the boating point at the Elephant Gate, creating a garden behind the fort, and enhancing the existing sound and light show will attract more tourists. He added that upgrading the Sri Ranganathaswamy Temple bathing ghat will offer better amenities for devotees and visitors.

T Venkatakrishna, writer and historian, welcomed the boating facility proposal but pointed out shortcomings in the sound and light show. He suggested authorities rectify it under the guidance of historians and stressed the need to revive Srirangapatna's ancient glory.

A senior official said, "The development projects including the moat at the Elephant Gate, boating facility, garden construction, and the development of the Sri Ranganathaswamy Temple bathing ghat will be executed through a Detailed Project Report (DPR). Following the preparation of the DPR, a proposal will be submitted to the state and central governments to secure funding for these initiatives."

Congress sweeps Karnataka bypolls amid dynastic unity

Twin victories in Davanagere and Bagalkot reinforce Congress' regional footing based on its strategy, sympathy wave, while exposing BJP's cohesion challenges

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Karnataka Deputy CM DK Shivakumar offered sweets at a press conference at the KPCC office on Monday

While the Bharatiya Janata Party registered significant wins across states like West Bengal, Puducherry and Assam, the spotlight in Karnataka shifted to the Indian National Congress, which secured twin victories in crucial by-elections, reinforcing its regional footing.

The bypoll in Davanagere South turned politically symbolic for the Congress. Samarth Shamanur emerged victorious, entering the Assembly as its youngest member. In a notable generational transition, he succeeded his late grandfather, Shamanur Shivashankarappa—incidentally the oldest MLA—whose passing necessitated the by-election. The win also underlines the consolidation of a political family, with his father, SS Mallikarjun, serving as an MLA and minister, and his mother, Prabha Mallikarjun, as a Member of Parliament.

Samarth also joins a growing list of political family pairs in the Karnataka Assembly, becoming the fourth such instance after M Krishnappa (Vijayanagar) and his son Priya Krishna (Govindarajanagar), GT Devegowda (Chamundeshwari) and his son GD Harish Gowda (Hunsur), A Manju (Arakalgud) and his son Manthar Gowda (Madikeri), and KH Muniyappa (Devanahalli) and his daughter Roopkala S (KGF), where both father and son or daughter currently represent the Assembly.

Beyond the statistics, the Davanagere contest served as a litmus test for the Congress leadership. Internal dissent surfaced, with leaders, including Zameer Ahmed Khan, advocating for a Muslim candidate. However, the party high command chose to rely on a sympathy wave following the sitting MLA's demise. Despite trailing in the early rounds, Samarth staged a recovery to secure a comfortable win, indicating the effectiveness of the party's strategy.

In Bagalkot, the Congress notched another important victory. First-time candidate Umesh Meti defeated senior BJP leader Veeranna Charantimath in a contest triggered by the death of MY Meti. The result also reflects a political endorsement of Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, who invested considerable effort in campaigning for the son of his late associate.

Electoral outcomes higlight rising young leaders, family influence and campaigning, signalling Congress stability while raising concerns over BJP's organisational clarity in state politics

The outcomes have revived discussions around leadership dynamics within the state Congress. Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar, who campaigned extensively beyond Karnataka in states like Tamil Nadu and Assam, remains a key contender in internal power equations. Speculation had been building that the party high command might take a call on leadership changes following the recent round of state elections, with some of Shivakumar's supporters anticipating a favourable development around his birthday on May 15.

However, Mallikarjun Kharge has indicated that no immediate change in the CM's post is on the cards, signalling a pause in any leadership reshuffle.

Politically, the by-poll wins signal that unity remains crucial for Congress in Karnataka.

BJP sweeps Bengal, Vijay is star of show in TN, Cong rule in Kerala

ELECTION RESULTS

Extending its saffron brushstroke in north and east India, the BJP was Monday set for a decisive win over the TMC in long elusive West Bengal and headed for another term in Assam while actor-politician Vijay's TVK made a stunning debut in Tamil Nadu as the largest single party in terms of seats won or led.

As votes were counted for Assembly elections in West Bengal, Assam, Tamil Nadu, Kerala and Puducherry, Election Commission trends showed a wipeout of the Left and a solitary win for the Congress, which has been battling diminishing electoral returns. The silver lining for the opposition party came from Kerala, where the Congress-led UDF won or led in 101 of the 140 seats, while the CPM-led LDF stayed ahead in under 40 constituencies.

The cynosure of Election 2026, however, was West Bengal, where the Trinamool Congress eyed a fourth straight term. "The Lotus blooms in West Bengal! The 2026 West Bengal Assembly Elections will be remembered forever. People's power has prevailed and BJP's politics of good governance has triumphed," Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on X.

According to Election Commission trends, the BJP won or led in 195 of the 294 seats, comfortably crossing the majority mark of 147, while the TMC stood at 90. Pollsters said trends indicated a decisive shift in the state's political landscape.

In Assam, Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma led the BJP to another victory with leads in 81 of 126 seats, leaving the Congress at 19.

In Tamil Nadu, Vijay's TVK surged ahead with 109 seats, while the DMK stood at 61 and the AIADMK at 44. **— PTI**

Pooran smashes 2nd highest fifty for LSG; breaks run of poor form

IPL 2026

Former West Indies middle-order batter Nicholas Pooran smashed the second-fastest for Lucknow Super Giants (LSG) in the Indian Premier League (IPL) history, falling two deliveries short of breaking his own franchise record on Monday.

Pooran achieved this feat during his side's IPL match against the Mumbai Indians (MI) at Wankhede Stadium on Monday, smashing a 21-ball 63, with four and eight sixes, including three against all-rounder Will Jacks.

Pooran's half-century came in just 16 balls, with the fastest fifty for LSG in his hands, coming in 15 balls against Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB) in the 2023 edition.

Eight sixes by Pooran is the joint-second most by an LSG batter in an innings, behind 10 sixes by Quinton de Kock vs KKR in 2022. Pooran reached his half-century in less than 20 balls for the fifth time in IPL history, with Abhishek Sharma (six) having more such half-centuries for Sunrisers Hyderabad (SRH).

Lucknow Super Giants' Nicholas Pooran celebrates his half-century

Having made just 82 runs in his previous eight innings, Pooran now has scored 145 runs in nine innings at an average of 16.11 and a strike rate of 118.85. This is his first T20 half-century in 2026, scoring 257 runs in 16 innings at an average of 16.06 and a strike rate of 120.65.

Coming to the match, MI won the toss and opted to bowl first. After Josh Inglis (13) fell cheaply, knocks from Mitchell Marsh (44 in 25 balls, with six fours and three sixes) and Pooran (63 in 21 balls, with a four and eight sixes) kept LSG in the game as they stitched a quickfire stand of 94 runs. However, Corbin Bosh (2/20) contributed to LSG being reduced to 160/5. Aiden Markram (31* in 25 balls, with a four and six) and Himmat Singh (40* in 21 balls, with two fours and two sixes) stitched a brutal 68-run stand, taking MI to 228/5 in 20 overs.

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This is LSG's fourth-highest IPL score, with 257/5 against Punjab Kings (PBKS) in 2023 being the highest. 16 sixes by LSG today is the joint second most by them in an innings.

During the match, LSG reached the 100-run mark in 6.5 overs, the fastest team 100 for LSG, surpassing the 7.3 over effort vs SRH in Hyderabad in 2025.

141/3 is LSG's highest total after the first 10 overs. The previous highest at this point was 129/2 vs SRH in 2025. **—ANI**

Hike in fees will hit PG owners hard

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meeting would be convened in two or three days to discuss the issue, including hiking the fees for paying guests. "The hike will not be too steep. It will be between five percent and 15 percent," he said, adding that the government has hiked the LPG price by Rs 1,500 in the last few months. He said that some of the PG accommodations offer luxurious facilities such as quality food and customised spaces to live. "A paying guest has to pay Rs 15,000 to Rs 20,000 per month to have such amenities. One or two paying guests are accommodated in a room while four to five paying guests are accommodated in a room at economy paying guest accommodations," he said.

However, some of the PG owners are worried about their future due to increase in the LPG price, water and electricity tariffs. "Most of the PG accommodations in Bengaluru East are being maintained with less than 60 percent occupancy. A PG owner cannot earn profit if the occupancy is less than 60 percent of the total capacity. A PG accommodation needs 80 percent occupancy for the owners to be able maintain it without any hassles," said Venkateswara Reddy, a PG owner.

A PG owner, on the condition of anonymity, said the proposal to increase the fees for paying guests would have an adverse impact on some of the accommodations due to unhealthy competition among them.

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Bengaluru likely to emerge as world's fastest-growing major city by 2035: Report

Bengaluru has been identified as the world's fastest-growing major city by 2035, driven by a strong talent base and its rise as a Global Capability Centre hub, a report said on Monday.

The report from property consulting firm Savills said its index -- which assessed 245 cities -- placed multiple Indian cities in the top 20 and found Asia Pacific accounted for 85 per cent of these fastest-growing cities.

Asia Pacific cities accounted for three-quarters of the top 50 sports in the index, where India, Vietnam, and China lead the momentum. Factors such as a young, skilled workforce, rising inward migration, and expanding high-income households are key drivers of growth for Indian cities placed in top twenty spots.

These high-growth cities are expected to see rapid evolution in real estate markets, creating strong opportunities for investors and developers across sectors, the report noted.

Cities were assessed across multiple economic indicators - including city GDP growth through to 2035, personal wealth growth, population dependency ratio, inward migration, and the number of households earning above $70,000. Only cities with a GDP of $50 billion or more in 2025 were included. "Bengaluru's ranking as the world's fastest growing city is a reflection of India's structural strengths - a young, skilled workforce, a maturing technology ecosystem, and accelerating demand from global corporations establishing capability centres," said Arvind Nandan, Managing Director, Research & Consulting, Savills India.

India's rising presence in the index signalled that the country's urban growth engine is broad-based, and real estate markets across its major cities are poised for significant expansion over the next decade, he added.

Savills India in another recent report that demand for offices in India remains robust, driven by GCC expansion and occupier preference for Grade-A, sustainable workspaces.

Private equity investment into India's real estate sector rose 66 per cent year-on-year to $1.2 billion in Q1 2026, it noted. **IANS**

Pixxel, B'luru AI firm join hands to build data centre satellite

US-Indian space company Pixxel has partnered with Bengaluru-based artificial intelligence firm Sarvam to build an orbital data centre satellite.

While Pixxel will design, build, launch, and operate the satellite, Sarvam will handle both training and inference directly in orbit, with full-stack language models running on board the spacecraft.

In a statement on Monday, Awais Ahmed, CEO of Pixxel, said, "Ground-based data centres are facing increasing constraints around energy, land, regulation, and scale, and the current model is becoming harder to sustain environmentally."

He added, "Orbital data centres open up a new frontier, where compute can be powered by abundant solar energy, operate closer to space-based data, and move beyond some of the limits faced on Earth." **PTI**

7 DYSPs, 61 PSIs suspended

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action has been taken without hesitation against those found guilty. "Even though the percentage of police personnel involved in criminal activities is just around 0.1 per cent, such incidents bring immense embarrassment to the department and create discomfort among honest officers," the official said. "We have taken firm action against all those involved in such cases without any leniency."

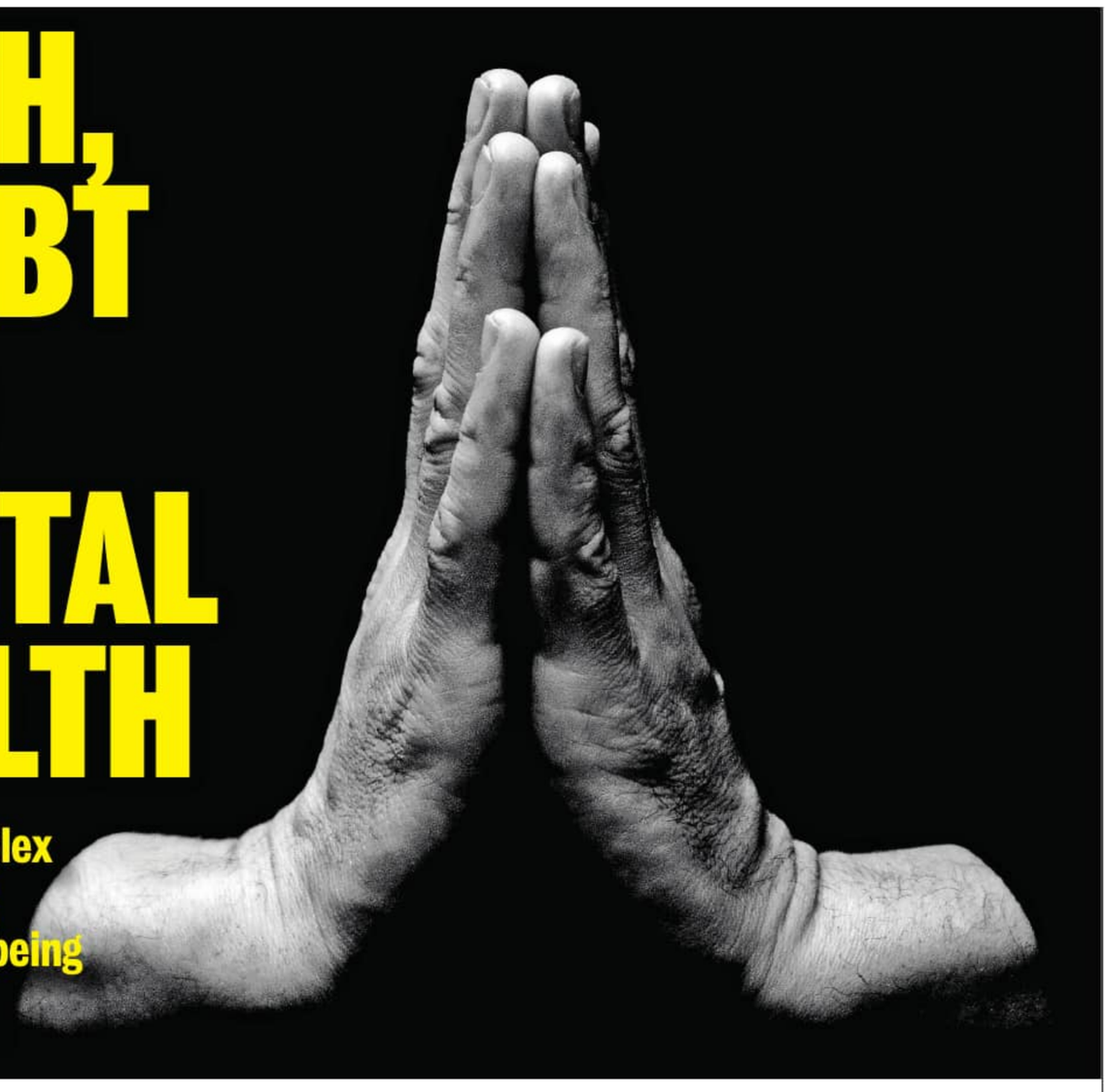
The issue has once again come under sharp focus following the conviction of a police inspector in the murder case of a district panchayat member from Dharwad, Yogeesh Gowda. The inspector has been sentenced to seven years in prison, and the case has also exposed the involvement of multiple police officials, further intensifying concerns about internal accountability and ethical conduct within the force.

The breakdown of suspended personnel by rank reveals a widespread problem cutting across levels of the police hierarchy. The data shows that seven Deputy Superintendents of Police (DySPs), 61 Police Sub-Inspectors (PSIs), 73 Assistant Sub-Inspectors (ASIs), and 75 Police Inspectors (PIs) have been suspended.

In addition, 231 Head Constables and 266 Constables have faced similar action, indicating that misconduct is not confined to any single rank but is pervasive throughout the system.

Officials also highlighted that in specific instances, such as in the twin cities of Hubballi-Dharwad, personnel involved in assault and abetment to suicide cases have been suspended promptly. "We have acted decisively in cases where staff were found involved in serious offences like assault and suicide-related incidents," the senior officer added.

FAITH, DOUBT AND MENTAL HEALTH



Religion's complex role in shaping emotional wellbeing and resilience

Worldwide, the landscape of religion is not serene. Many denominations have been racked by divisions. In some regions, believers are targeted with violence. Countless faith leaders have betrayed their flocks through corruption or sexual abuse.

Against this backdrop, there has been a long-running discussion about the role that religion can play in enhancing personal well-being and lowering the risk of mental health problems.

A positive view of religious faith's relationship with mental health is shared by several prominent US mental health organisations, including the National Alliance on Mental Illness and Mental Health America.

"Religion gives people something to believe in, provides a sense of structure and typically offers a group of people to connect with, those with similar beliefs," according to NAMI.

"Research suggests that religiosity reduces suicide rates, alcoholism and drug use."

The American Psychological Association takes a nuanced approach, reflecting the views of several experts who shared their perspectives with The Associated Press. The APA says its Handbook of Psychology, Religion and Spirituality "sheds light on the many purposes religion serves, the rich variety of religious and spiritual beliefs and practices, and the capacity of religion and spirituality to do both good and harm."

At St John Fisher University, a Catholic school in Rochester, New York, visiting psychology instructor Timothy Powers says he sees that duality in his own counselling practice.

"While faith community participation can confer real and well-documented protective benefits, those same communities can also be sources of shame, spiritual bypassing, trauma, and significant barriers to seeking help," Powers said via email.

"Clinically, both realities show up in the counselling room, sometimes in the same person."

"The task for therapists is to approach the subject without assuming that religion or spirituality is a resource or that it is a wound, to be open to ambiguity, and to ask rather than presume," Powers added.

Charles Camosy, a professor of moral theology and bioethics at The Catholic University of America, also shared nuanced thoughts.

"We expect, on the one hand, that being faithful will bring with it good things in this life," Camosy said in an email.

Yet "living out the Gospel doesn't lead to healthy, flourishing lives for everyone. People still become ill, including experiencing mental illness," he added. "Christians, and especially faithful Christians who are salt and light in a world full of violence and injustice, are not promised mental health as a reward for faithfulness in this life."

On Monday, there was a new contribution to the discussion: a report assembled by a team of professors and researchers for the Wheatley Institute at Brigham Young University. The institute describes its basic mission as: "Research-supported work that fortifies the core institutions of the family, religion, and constitutional government."

Citing an analysis of hundreds of previous studies, the report says that committed religious involvement, corresponding to at least weekly attendance at worship services, was linked to lower suicide risk, better stress management, reduced substance misuse, and higher levels of hope.

"Although harmful or coercive forms of religion do exist, the overall pattern across the best available studies is clear: religious belief and practice are overwhelmingly associated with better mental and emotional well-being," the report said.

The executive director of the American Humanist Association, Fish Stark, said he had no quibble with the assertion that religious engagement may have psychological benefits. However, he stressed that non-religious people have ways to fare equally well.

"If you have a strong secular, atheist identity, and actively participate in a non-religious community, you get the same benefits," Stark said.

"The key is whether you have core convictions and participate in social groups," he added. "Those with strong religious identities and strong secular identities are equally happy."

Sociology professor Ellen Idler, director of Emory University's Religion and Public Health Collaborative, suggested that the effect of religion on mental health should not be measured solely among those who attend religious services regularly.

"Those who have been, or perceive that they have been, harmed by religion will stay away, leaving those less troubled in the pews," she said, citing people who had been sexually abused by clergy as children or were stigmatised by their congregations because they were LGBTQ+.

—AP

MIRRORLIGHTS

Move more, boost brain: Study links activity to waste clearance mechanism

A study has suggested that physical activity may trigger the movement of cerebrospinal fluid, a clear liquid circulating in the brain, helping remove waste that can disrupt normal brain function.

Cerebrospinal fluid plays vital roles, including waste removal, cushioning the central nervous system, and delivering nutrients. It forms part of the glymphatic system.

"Our research explains how simply moving around might promote brain health," said Patrick Drew of The Pennsylvania State University, US.

The study, conducted in mice, found that when abdominal muscles contract, they push blood into the spinal cord, applying pressure that causes the brain to move. Simulations showed this gentle movement drives fluid flow in and around the brain, aiding waste clearance and potentially preventing neurodegenerative disorders.

Researchers noted that even small actions, such as bracing the core before standing or taking a step, can create this 'pumping' effect. Observations revealed the brain shifted just before movement, following abdominal muscle contraction.

Further tests showed that controlled abdominal pressure, even at low levels, could move the brain. Simulations likened the brain to a sponge, demonstrating how movement enhances fluid flow and clears waste.

While more research is needed in humans, the findings suggest everyday movement may support brain health and reduce risks linked to waste build-up.

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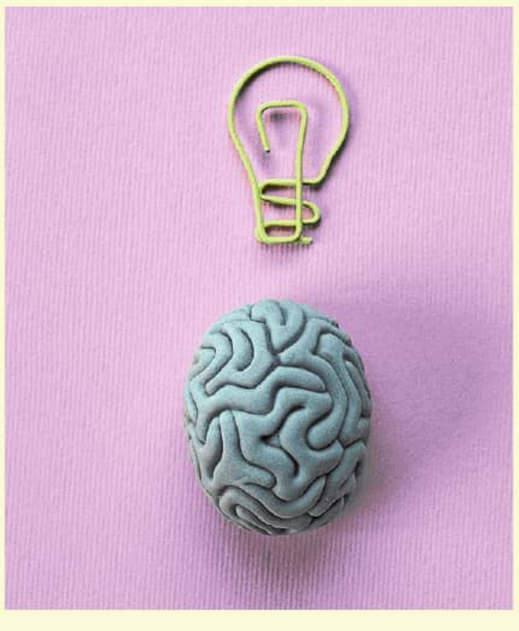

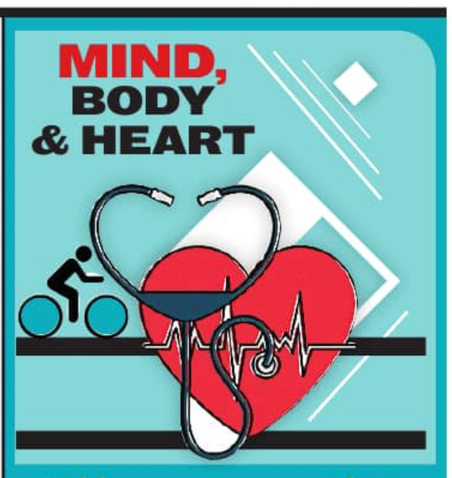

All you need to know about...

Hydration myth

You may carry a water bottle daily and drink plenty of water, yet fatigue persists. This could indicate hidden dehydration, when the body lacks adequate hydration despite regular water intake. The quantity of water consumed is only part of the equation; how the body absorbs and utilises it is equally important. Simply drinking plain water is not always sufficient.

Diluted electrolytes
Electrolytes like sodium, potassium and magnesium maintain fluid balance. Excess plain water without replenishment can dilute them, causing fatigue, dizziness and brain fog.

Inadequate absorption
Poor nutrient intake or gut health can hinder water absorption. Low stomach acid or an imbalanced gut microbiome may also reduce the body's ability to rehydrate effectively.

Excess caffeine and sugar
High consumption of caffeine and sugar can affect hydration. Both act as diuretics or disrupt blood glucose levels when consumed frequently.

Lifestyle factors
Limited movement, prolonged screen time and constant exposure to air-conditioned environments can contribute to low-level dehydration. By the time you feel thirsty, mild dehydration may already have set in.

Addressing the issue
Enhance hydration by adding a pinch of rock salt and lemon to water. Opt for electrolyte-rich fluids such as coconut water or buttermilk, and include water-rich foods like cucumber, watermelon and oranges. A balanced diet with essential minerals and healthy fats also supports absorption. Listen to your body fatigue, headaches or poor concentration may signal dehydration. Hydration is not just about drinking water, but absorbing it effectively.

—Femina

Chai-Time

SOLVE IT IN A MINUTE

$(\sqrt{144} / 4) \times 5^2 - (4!+3!) = x!$

x=?

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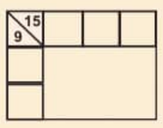
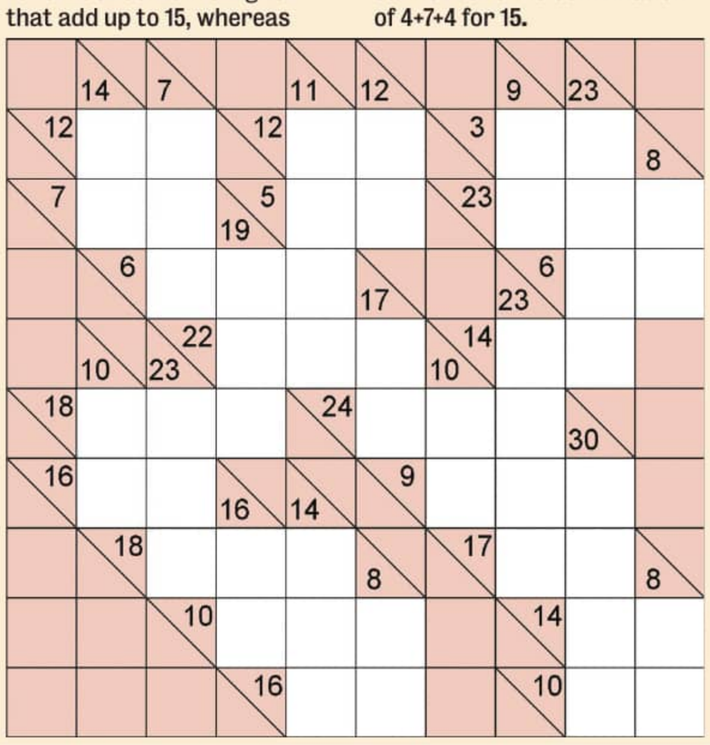
Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.



Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



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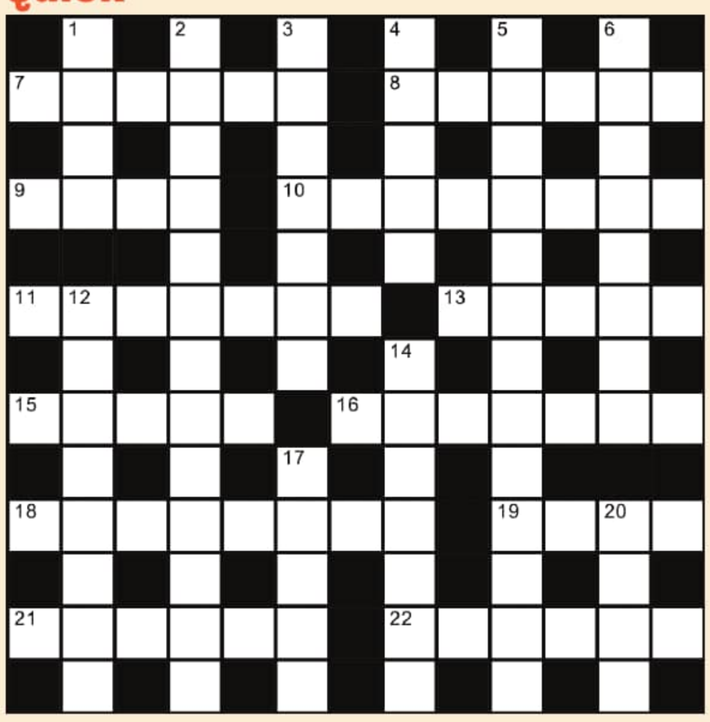


ACROSS

7 Mexican lady (6)
8 Utilitarian (6)
9 Sean ___ of Hollywood (4)
10 Occurring intermittently (4-4)
11 Testifier in court (7)
13 Tender (5)
15 Keep or hide away (5)
16 Shortage (7)
18 Do away with (3,3,2)
19 Football clothes, perhaps (4)
21 ___ __ to : court, curry favour with? (4,2)
22 The positive electrodes (6)

DOWN

1 Very dry (4)
2 Part of London with the British Prime Minister's residence (7,6)
3 Orchestra member (7)
4 A discourse of the Buddha (5)
5 Correction (13)
6 Most delicious (8)
12 It was __ __ __ : it was causing an obstruction? (2,3,3)
14 At the midpoint (7)
17 Karnataka town whose name is associated with South Indian food (5)
20 Became larger (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: M EQUALS P

QCGAG IAG ITT ULYVP WJ PQRMLV MGW.MTG QCIQ IYYWH XG DRQ BCIQ IYYWHP XG XWPQ LP I TISH IAZRXGYQ.

Linemaro

Is your name Wi-Fi? Because I'm feeling a connection

Mindchow

If you're going through hell, keep going

Joke of the day

What is an insect's favourite sport? Cricket

Loop

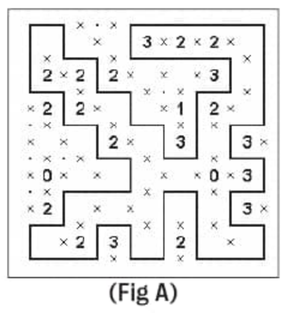
Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.

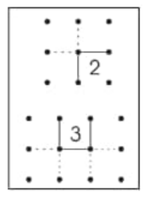
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

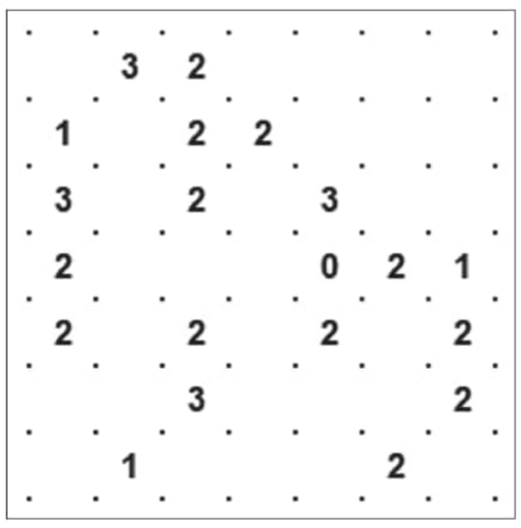
Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



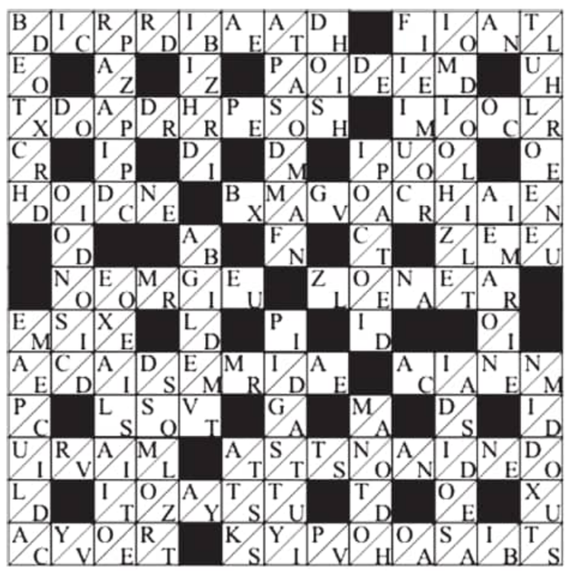
(Fig A)



(Fig B) Not Allowed



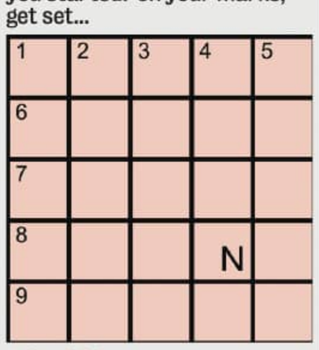
Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



ACROSS

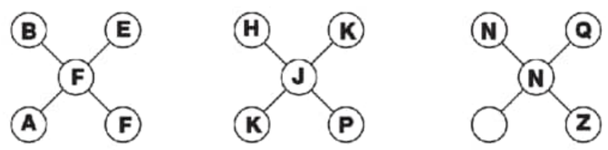
1 Gains; 6 Goral;
7 OK OBE (1-4); 8 On lea;
9 Salem

DOWN

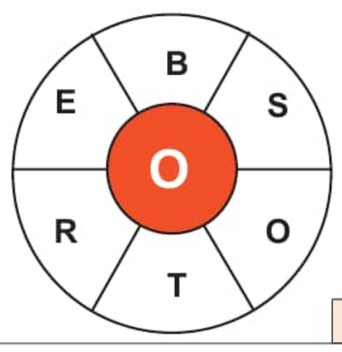
1 Leal I; 2 Laban;
3 Mr Goo; 4 Genoa;
5 OK Ess

Mensapuzzle

Which letter needs to go in the blank circle?



Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

16 Average; 18 Good; 20 Outstanding

SudokuChallenge

	8		1			7	5	
			7	6				1
3		7		2		8	9	
	6							5
		3				2		
7							4	
	9	6		8		4		3
2				5	7			
	7	1			9		8	

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.

Easy = 2

2 8 5 3

Medium = 8

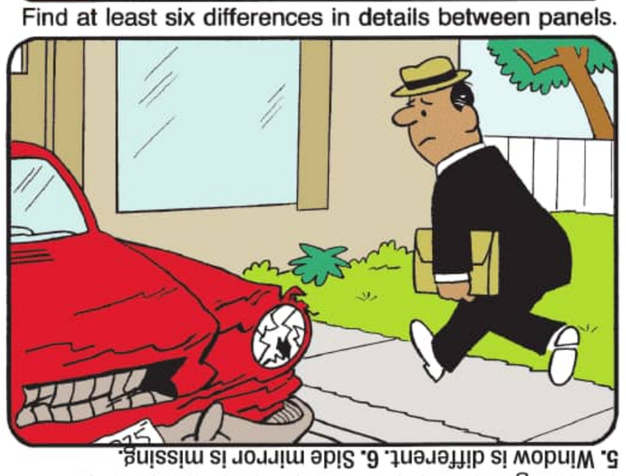
2 3 3 1

Hard = 11

4 6 7 6

Hocusfocus

Find at least six differences in details between panels.



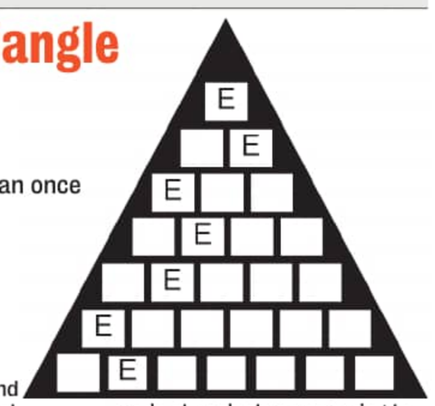
Differences: 1. Leg is moved. 2. Tie is missing. 3. Headlight is different. 4. Line in sidewalk is moved. 5. Window is different. 6. Side mirror is missing.

Riddler

Following are 6 words that have the same two letters repeated at some point. Those two letters have been removed, replaced by two sets of asterisks. Can you figure out which two letters to use in each word? You use the same two letters within each word, but use a different set of letters for each word. 1. **chorm**, 2. **joym**t, 3. **iqu**te, 4. **ip**ape, 5. **s**cere & 6. **p**zard

Alpha triangle

1 Second vowel
2 In reference to
3 Historic age
4 Close to
5 Showed more than once
6 Chore
7 Drafted again?

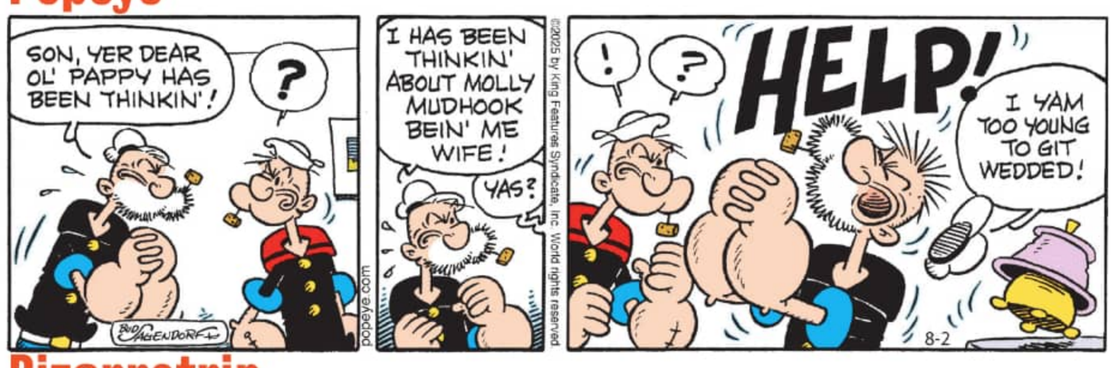


Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

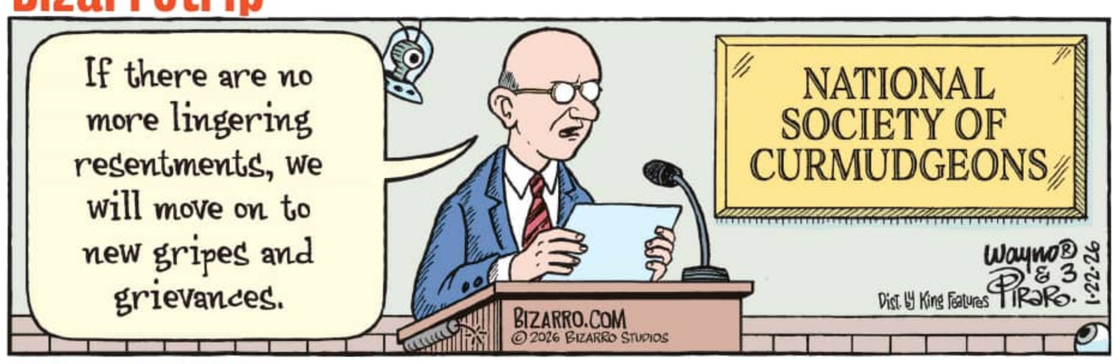
DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE

COMICS

Popeye



Bizarrotrip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Hart of the city

STAGE BUILT! WHADDYA THINK?
WE USED MILITARY-GRADE GLUE.
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WOW, IT'S SO STURDY! WAIT... WHERE'D YOU GET MILITARY-GRADE GLUE?
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AMAZON.
OF COURSE.

Crankshaft

EARLY ON, THE PRESIDENT OF MY SYNDICATE, MR. SHERRY, CAME TO THIS APARTMENT TO BESTOW SOME FATHERLY ADVICE ON WHAT WAS ABOUT TO HAPPEN TO ME.
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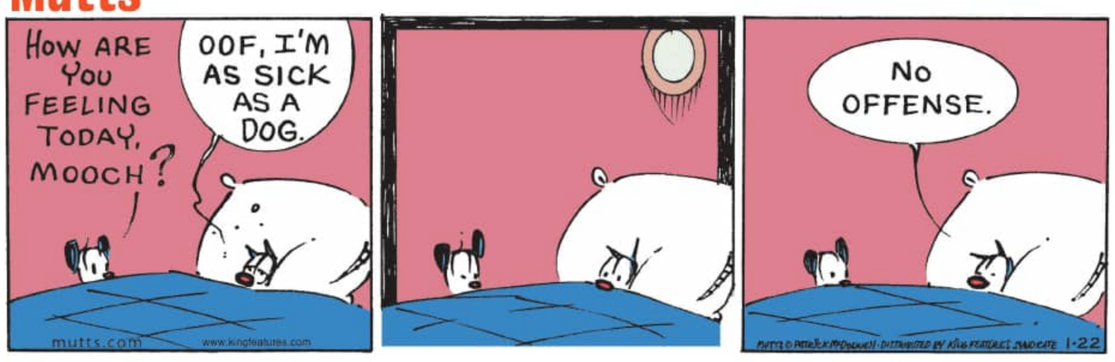
Mutts



WRITTEN IN THE STARS

DR SUNDEEP KOCHAR

If it's your birthday today

Change is the only constant for you this year. Expect the unexpected and embrace a more flexible lifestyle. You might find yourself moving house or changing career paths entirely. Curiosity leads you toward a fascinating new area of study. Trust the process of transformation; shedding old skin allows a more authentic version of yourself to emerge and shine brightly.

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20

Today is ideal for discussing finances, career opportunities, or managing assets more effectively. Your communication skills are especially strong, helping you negotiate confidently and achieve favourable outcomes in important conversations.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20

With the sun in your sign, you feel confident and energized. It's a great day to start something new. Plan carefully and avoid assumptions to ensure smooth progress and prevent unnecessary setbacks.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21

Even while working quietly, you can successfully launch new ideas today. Engage with others, especially younger people or groups. Your communication is persuasive, helping you influence opinions and gain support easily.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23

You're making a strong impression on influential people, boosting your popularity. Today is perfect for starting something important. Just ensure you prepare thoroughly and plan every detail before taking action.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23

This is a powerful day to launch career-related projects or enhance your reputation. You;re receiving positive attention, and your confidence and energy are high, helping you take bold, effective steps forward.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23

You may feel inspired to travel or explore new opportunities today. It's also a great time to begin ventures in education, law, or publishing. Discussions about shared resources will be productive.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22

Your interactions today are especially positive, both personally and professionally. Others respond well to you, making it easier to pursue your goals. Take initiative and confidently go after what you want.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22

Your determination and ambition are strong today, making it an excellent time to begin new projects. Careful planning is essential, but with your focus and drive, success feels achievable and manageable.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22

Your motivation to be productive is high, making today perfect for starting exciting new ventures. Activities involving travel, socializing, sports, or children are also favoured, bringing enjoyment alongside your progress.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20

You're in a relaxed, social mood, possibly enjoying leisure or vacation time. Still, today supports starting new ventures. Careful planning is key, and your natural discipline will help ensure success.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19

Your attention remains on home and family matters, but this is also a great day to begin new projects. Thoughtful planning and attention to detail will help you achieve the best outcomes.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20

You feel mentally energized and ready to take action today. It's an excellent time to begin new projects. Success depends on careful planning, so organize your ideas and think things through.

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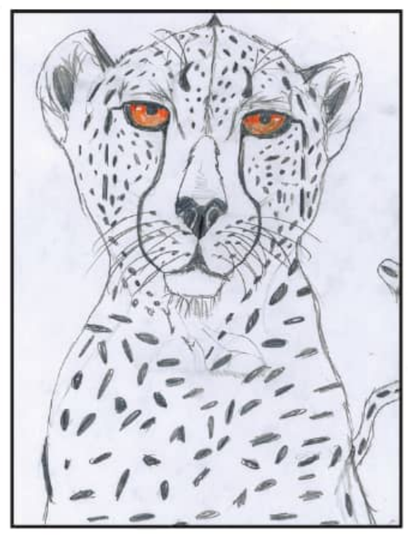

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SOLUTIONS

RIDDLER

1. an = anchorman,
2. en = enjoyment,
3. et = etiquette,
4. sh = shipshape,
5. in = insincere,
6. ha = haphazard

BULL'S EYE

boor, boost,
BOOSTER, boot, bore,
oboe, robe, robot,
roost, root, rose,
rote, sober, soot,
sore, sort, store,
strobe, tore, torso

SOLVE IN 1M

= 12/2 x 25-(24+6)
= 6 x 25-30
= 150-30
= 120; 120 = 5!

FAST FIVE

L	A	M	E	S
I	N	G	A	S
L	A	R	G	O
E	B	O	O	K
A	L	O	N	E

STRIKE OUT

QUICK

MENSA PUZZLE

There are all kinds of stupid people that annoys me most is a lazy argument.

QUOTE UNCODE

U. Taking all 3 groups together, letters increase in value in rows from left to right by 3 for the top row, 4 for the middle and 5 for the bottom row.

SUDOKU

6	8	2	1	9	3	7	5	4
9	4	5	7	6	8	3	2	1
3	1	7	5	2	4	8	9	6
1	6	4	8	7	2	9	3	5
8	5	3	9	4	6	2	1	7
7	2	9	3	1	5	6	4	8
5	9	6	2	8	1	4	7	3
2	3	8	4	5	7	1	6	9
4	7	1	6	3	9	5	8	2

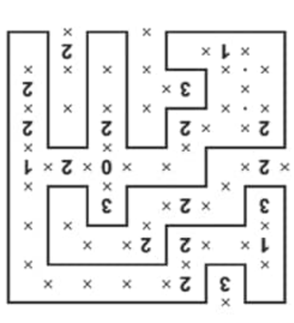
ALPHA TRIANGLE

E, Re, Era,
Near, Reran,
Errand,
Redrawn.

GO FIGURE

Easy
8 - 5 - 3 + 2 = 2
Medium
3 x 2 + 3 - 1 = 8
Hard
4 + 7 - 6 + 6 = 11

LOOP



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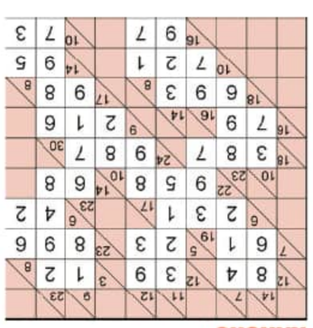

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